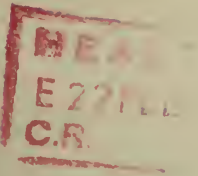


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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year

1952



HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
(WEST SUFFOLK)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1952

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Hadleigh Urban District for the year 1952.

The vital statistics show no trend in any particular direction and excessive importance should not be attached to rates which are based on small numbers.

There was a gratifying decline in the number of notifiable diseases in the town and those reported were of a mild nature.

It is satisfying to note the progress made in the new connections to main water and sewerage systems.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman & Members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement during the year and to thank Mr. H.R. Woolvett, Clerk to the Council, and Mr. A.S. Garman, Surveyor and Senior Sanitary Inspector, for their valued assistance.

I have the honour to be, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

1. General Statistics Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year.

| | | |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Population (1951 Census) | 3089 | Area 4,317 acres. |
| " Registrar General's Estimate | 3127 (3103) | Rateable Value £13497 at 31.3.53 |
| Number of inhabited houses | 1040 (1033) | |
| Sum represented by a penny rate £53.1.11d for financial year ended 31.3.53. | | |

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year

| <u>LIVE BIRTHS</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated Population (Crude) 18.6 (15.8) |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Legitimate | 57 (43) | 29 (21) | 28 (22) | " " " (adjusted) 20.6 (17.5) |
| Illegitimate | 1 (6) | 1 (4) | - (2) | " " " England & Wales 15.3 (15.5) |
| | 58 (49) | 30 (25) | 28 (24) | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| <u>STILL BIRTHS</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | Still Birth Rate per 1000 population. 0.63 (0.32) |
| Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 | " " " in England & Wales 0.35 (0.36) |
| Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 | Illegitimate birth rate 1.07 (2.2%) |
| | 2 | | 2 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |

These figures are based on the estimate of Registrar General and not on the 1951 Census.

DEATHS, registered in 1952

Total, all causes,
51 17 M. 15 F.

Death Rate (crude) 12.3 (16.4.)
" " (adjusted) 11.4 (17.5.)
" " in England & Wales
11.3 (12.5)

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, child-birth, or abortion.

- (a) Sepsis -
(b) Other causes -

| | Total | M. | F. |
|--|-------|----|----|
| Death of infants under one year | - | - | - |
| Death rate of infants under one year | - | - | - |
| Death rate of infants under one year in England & Wales per 1000 live births | 27.6 | | |
| Deaths from cancer (all ages) | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Measles | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - |
| Diarrhoea, Gastritis, Enteritis | 1 | - | 1 |
| Heart Disease | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum | - | - | - |
| Bronchitis | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Intracranial Vascular Lesions | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - |
| Nephritis | - | - | - |
| Accidents (Not Motor Vehicle) | 2 | - | 2 |
| Tuberculosis (Respiratory) | 1 | - | 1 |

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases

CASES NOTIFIED

| | Number Notified | | | Admitted to Hospital | Deaths |
|---------------------|-----------------|----|----|----------------------|--------|
| | Total | M. | F. | | |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | Nil | Nil |
| Whooping Cough | 8 | - | 8 | Nil | Nil |
| Infective Hepatitis | 2 | 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |
| Measles | 5 | 4 | 1 | Nil | Nil |

TUBERCULOSIS

| | Pulmonary | | | Non-Pulmonary | | | Total |
|---|-----------|----|-------|---------------|----|-------|-------|
| | M. | F. | Total | M. | F. | Total | |
| Number of cases on register at commencement of year | 3 | 3 | 6 | - | - | - | 6 |
| No. of cases added during year | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| No. of cases removed during year | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| No. of deaths during year | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| No. of cases remaining at end of year | 3 | 5 | 8 | - | 1 | 1 | 9 |

FOOD POISONING

No outbreaks occurred during the year.

SECTION C

1. Public Health Staff

Medical Officer (Part-time)

One Sanitary Inspector (Part-time) A.S. Garman M.U.Mun.E., C.R.S.I.

2. Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town, held at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month at The White Lion Hotel Hall. The attendance is good.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh & District with a Health Visitor (part-time).

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this Section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

WATER SUPPLY

Eleven further connections to the water mains were made during the year for 34 houses making the total number of houses now connected 842 in addition to other properties.

4 samples from the three public supplies were taken for analysis. 3 were satisfactory but one taken from Lady Lane borehole before chlorination was not up to standard.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Particulars of new drainage to the sewers are given under the heading of work done. Sixteen further connections to the sewers were made during the year making a total of 831 houses now connected, in addition to other properties.

PAIL CLOSETS

941 pail closets were emptied during the year, an average of approximately 17 per week. This number was reduced to 14 at the end of the year.

SCAVENGING

The arrangement for the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse is the same as last year, the refuse being collected and taken to a satisfactory tip outside the town by a Contractor. Collections are made once per week in the town or built up area and once a fortnight outside the town area.

SECTION F.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| By Private enterprise | 5 |
|-----------------------|---|

| | |
|--|----|
| Number of Council houses in course of erection | 42 |
|--|----|

| | |
|--|-----|
| Houses owned by the Council at the end of the year | 162 |
|--|-----|

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Prefabricated temporary houses | 10 |
|--------------------------------|----|

SECTION G.

MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS

One supplementary licence renewed during the year for the sale of pasteurised milk.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, Section 14.

3 new registrations for the sale of Ice-cream making the total number now registered 16.

SECTION H
FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

| <u>Premises</u> | <u>No. in Register.</u> | <u>Inspections.</u> | <u>Written Notices</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 2 | - | - |
| (11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 22 | 12 | - |
| Total | 24 | 12 | - |
| 2. Cases in which defects were found | Nil. | | |
| 3. Outwork | Nil. | | |

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st. December, 1952.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Visits of Inspection | 454 |
| Factories (including Bakehouses) | 12 |
| Inspections under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act | 156 |
| Informal notices served on owners and others | 9 |
| Informal notices complied with | 5 |
| New connections to the sewers. (representing 43 houses of which 20 were Council houses.) | 16 |
| New w.c.s connected to the sewers | 50 |
| New sinks connected to the sewers | 45 |
| Existing sinks connected to the sewers | 4 |
| New baths connected to the sewers | 24 |
| New wash basins connected to the sewers | 25 |
| Number of pail closets discontinued | 26 |
| Repairs to cottages (general) | 6 |
| Samples of water taken for analysis (public supply) | 4 |
| Samples of water taken for analysis (private supplies) | 4 |
| Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:- | |

- 1 4lb tin Cooked Ham
- 1 4lb tin Luncheon Meat
- 1 12oz tin Danish Pork
- 64lbs English Pork
- 1 1/2 lbs English Beef
- 6 1lb tins Pineapple
- 13 1lb tins Spaghetti & Sausage
- 1 10oz tin Processed Peas
- 14 boxes Processed Cheese
- 48lbs English Veal.

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.



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